Maharashtra:

(i) Village near Kolhapur

(ii) Village near Pune for Gurukul

Bihar:

(i) Patharkathi

Development of tourism in tea garden areas in NER

2704. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from NER particularly from State Government of Sikkim for the development of tourism in the tea garden areas of the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No proposal has been received from NER including the State Government of Sikkim for the development of tourism in the tea garden areas of the region.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Tourism potential in Karnataka

2705. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka presents a huge tourism potential in varied hues, ranging from pilgrimage, beach, health and natural panoramic resorts;

(b) if so; whether this rich potential is under utilized on account of inadequate infrastructure and facilities and poor promotional efforts; and

(c) what efforts have been made by the Centre to tap this potential for boosting tourism sector in Karnataka, with particular reference to Mangalore and Dakshin Kannada District?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Development and promotion of tourist places/spots is primarily

undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations themselves. However, Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritized every year in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territories. From the 10th Five Year Plan, Ministry of Tourism has been providing funds for the following schemes:

(i) Tourist Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructure & Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating projects

(iv) Fairs and Festivals including Events

Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a total amount of Rs. 7955.01 lakh during 10th Five Year Plan till now for development of tourism infrastructure in the State of Karnataka which includes the projects for development of Mangalore and Dakshin Kannada. The list of projects sanctioned for the State of Karnataka during 10th Five Year Plan is given in the Statement (*See* below).

Moreover, Ministry of Tourism promotes the places of tourist interests/ spots in the country including the State of Karnataka through its 20 Indiatourism offices located in India and 13 overseas, as also in the electronic, print and online media through the "Incredible India" campaign.

Statement

List of Projects Sanctioned During 10th Plan (till date) for the State of Karnataka

Year of Sanction:—2002-03 (Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Bangalore Art Festival	15.00
2.	Beugle Rock Garden	40.00
3.	Development of Om Beach	100.00
4.	Development of Tagore Beach	197.49
5.	Development of Hampi	506.10
6.	Development of Kokkare Bellur, Mandya District	50.00
7.	Rural Tourism project at Kokkare Bellur	50.00
	TOTAL	958.59

(Rs. In lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
Year of Sanction:—2003-04		
1.	Providing floodlighting at Hoyasala Temple at Halebid	61.04
2.	Sound and light at Hampi	176.00
3.	Hampi Festival	15.00
4.	Karavali Festival in Uttar Kannada	5.00
5.	Installation of Handy Audio Reach Kit at Elur, Hassan	11.46
6.	IT equipments of Jungle Lodge and Resorts	9.70
7.	Construction of Minor Nodes at Hampi (Hampi Chitradurga Bangalore Circuit-2003-04)	307.01
8.	Destination Development of Coorg	483.07
9.	Purchase of IT infrastructure for KSTDC	15.80
10.	Coorg Golf Links(CGL) project at Virajpet, Karnataka	3.00
11.	Development of Bannerghatta Biological Park near Bangalore	500.00
12.	Karnataka Luxury Train	785.00
13.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Banavasi, Uttar Kananda Distt.	50.00
14.	Development of Attiveri Bird Sanctuary	60.00
15.	Rural Tourism project in Anegundi, dist. Koppal	50.00
16.	Rural Tourism project in Coorg	50.00
	TOTAL	2582.08
Year of Sanction:—2004-05		
1.	Karnataka Heritage Hunt-2004	8.33
2.	Celebration of Hampi Festival	5.00
3.	Celebration of Kadambotasava Festival at Banavasi	6.75
4.	Setting up of Mini Convention Centre at Bangalore-Feasibility Report-LRG	2.00
5.	Integrated Development of Badami-Alhole-Pattadkal-Mahakoota Circuit in North Karnataka	800.00
6.	Integrated Development of Melkote-Belur-Halebid-Shravanabelagola Circuit in South Karnataka	798.50

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
7.	Development of Chickmagalore Wilderness Bhadra	202.48
8.	Expansion of Eco-Tourism Activity—Feasibility Report (MR Head)	15.00
9.	Infrastructure and Destination Development of Bandipur Tiger Reserve	195.70
10.	Integrated Development of Chitradurga Fort	353.00
11.	Coorg Golf Links(CGL) Coorg Golf Tourism project at Virajpet	53.00
12.	Village Banavasi, distt. Uttar Kannada	20.00
	TOTAL	2459.76
Year of Sanction:—2005-06		
1.	Destination Development of Jog Fall in Shimoga	462.52
2.	Destination Development of Mysore in Karnataka	353.89
3.	Integrated Development of Tourism Circuit on Mangalore-Ullal-Udupi-Kollur-Honnavar-Murudeshwara-Kundapur-Gokarna	698.00
4.	Development of Golf Club at Chikmagalur, Karnataka under LRG project	120.00
5.	Celebration of Bangalore Habba 2005	15.00
6.	Hampi Festival 2005-06	5.00
7.	IT infrastructure for Eco-tourism by M/s Jungle Lodges & Resorts	53.29
8.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Project at Village Anegundi, District Koppal	20.00
	TOTAL	1727.70
Year of Sanction:—2006-07		
1.	Integrated Development of Wilderness Tourism Circuit.	226.88